

Remarks/Arguments

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006.

Claims 1-27 were filed in this Application. Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21, 22, 26 and 27 are withdrawn without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 20 and 23-25 are currently pending in this Application.

The Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single species from among claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 20 and 23-25 (Species IA); claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21-25 (Species IB); and claims 1, 8-10, 17-19, 26 and 27 (Species IC). Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 20 and 23-25 of (Species IA) for prosecution on the merits.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or refunds that may be required by this paper to Electronic Data Systems Corporation Deposit Account No. 05-0765. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Electronic Data Systems Corporation Deposit Account No. 05-0765.

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